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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOQ MAY BE SEEKING NEW PARTNERS IN QATAR GAS COMPANY

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT GOQ IS HOLDING TALKS WITH US AND JAPANESE COMPANIES WITH AIM OF LOCATING NEW PARTNERS FOR QATAR GAS COMPANY (QGC). QGC WAS FORMED IN 1974 AS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN GOQ (70 PERCENT) AND SHELL (30 PERCENT) TO UNDERTAKE ALL GAS UTILIZATION PROJECTS IN QATAR. THESE INCLUDE A \$500 MILLION NGL FACILITY SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1979 AND A \$2 BILLION LNG PROJECT WHICH IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, HIGH COST OF PROJECTS HAS RESULTED IN QGC EFFORT TO LOCATE NEW PARTNERS WILLING TO BEAR PART OF FINANCIAL BURDEN. WE UNDERSTAND TALKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH SEVERAL JAPANESE FIRMS AND AT LEAST ONE US COMPANY, IDAHO NATURAL GAS. PAGANELLI

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